REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR
SPANISH SCHOOL
1962

It has been a most satisfactory session as expected. According to the general impression the school has kept its tradition of the observance of a freely accepted discipline. I think it has been noticeable a better preparation of the students in the use of the language. Maybe this factor has influenced a better communication between the students and their relation with the Faculty. It can be stated that the help of the instructor out of the classroom has been particularly successful this year. In some instances a kind of an additional outdoor class has developped out of the regular course. In this respect I am particularly indebted to Prof. Bousoño and also to Prof. Granell.

I have to mention professor Alatorre who has organized a polyphonic group with the participation of twenty five student singers. It is a pity that his lecture-concert on Spanish music of the Renaissance has not reached an audience beyond our school. --This year we had a greater enthusiasm in the singing of Spanish folk songs under the able direction of Mr. R. Ruiz. (Speaking of music I have discreetly inquired about the carrillon. Not a single student has complained. Many like it. A wider range of "melodies" will be welcomed. It is my understanding that Mr. Ruiz provided in past years the music for several of the folk songs that our students know).

We had this year the visit of Prof. Eugenio Florit, always welcome in the school, who delivered an interesting lecture. Professor José F. Montesinos has been also a lecturer. He related for our benefit some of the basic ideas on his present field of research. --Prof. Alatorre and Prof. Bousoño completed our series of lectures. I have to mention that Prof. González López gave three informal lectures with projections. Although directed especially for the students of his course, the lectures were attended practically by the whole school. The very distinguished scholar and former "visiting" Prof. Raimundo Lida has been a few days among us.

I think we have to anticipate for the next summer one additional section in Conversation, Composition and Phonetics. --Concernign the Methods course, we plan to establish a Laboratory course under the name of Laboratory Tecniques and Audio-Visual Aids with the assumption that the necessary material is going to be available.

After consultation with Mr. and Mrs. Nolfi, I think that besides one course on Methods of teaching Spanish in the Secondary School, it is advisable to offer a similar course on the elementary level. In some states laws have been passed requiring a methods course for the teaching of foreign languages in the elementary grades. This is a requirement for teacher certification. In many schools in the country teaching in foreign languages in the elementary grades has not been established because of the lack of qualified teachers.

Even with the expectation of a moderate registration for such a course, I believe the school has to provide for the possibility of giving it.

(signed) Francisco García Lorca

After careful consideration it is my pleasure to submit the following names for the degree of Doctor Honoris Causa in the Spanish School:

Spaniards
Salvador de Madariaga
Américo Castro
Jorge Guillén
Joaquín Casalduero
Rafael Lapesa
Dámaso Alonso
José F. Montesinos
Samuel Gili Gaya

Hispano-Americans
José Luis Borges
Mariano Picón Salas
Maria Rosa Lida
Raimundo Lida
Octavio Paz
Eduardo Santos

Hispanists
Marcel Bataillon
Hayward Keniston
S. Griswold Morley
Donald Walsh

All these names have been selected on the ground of scholarship and literary prestige. I have refrained from including a few prominent names that for other reasons could be added to the names included in the present list.

(signed) Francisco García Lorca

September 17, 1962

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Dear Professor Garcia Lorca:

I appreciate very much receiving your Annual Report for the Spanish School for the summer of 1962. I found it very interesting and informative. When Dr. Freeman returns, I shall take up with him some of the specific matters you mention with regard to the operation of the School.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Samuel S. Stratton
President